Palo Alto Battlefield

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BIRD CHECKLIST

Many of the men who fought on this field in 1846 also had an interest in the birds of the area. Captain John Porter McCown, for example, is credited for discovering eight new species including the Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Green Kingfisher, Vermilion Flycatcher, Verdin, Cactus Wren, Pyrrhuloxia, Great-tailed Grackle, and Olive Sparrow. Captain Jean Louis Berlandier of the Mexican Army was a noted naturalist who documented numerous birds of the Rio Grande Valley. As you visit the fields where these soldiers fought, you may sight some of the birds they might have seen that day.

This list is in accordance with the seventh edition (1998) A.O.U. Check List of North American Birds. **SEASONS: SP:** March - May **SU:** June - August **F:** September - November **W:** December - February

ABUNDANCE CODES

A: Abundant C: Common in proper habitat O: Occasional R: Rare; Seen every 2-5 years U: Uncommon; Present, may not be seen X: Accidental

FIELD INFORMATION

Observer:Sky/Wind/Temp:			ne: _			
	BITTERNS & HERONS		SP	SU	F	W
	☐ Great Blue Heron		C	U	С	С
	☐ Great Egret		C	U	C	C
	□ Reddish Egret		C	U	C	C
	☐ Cattle Egret		\mathbf{U}	U	C	U
	☐ Yellow-crowned Night Heron		U	U	U	O
	IRISES & SPOONBILLS		SP	SU	F	W
	☐ White Ibis		С	U	С	О
	☐ White-faced Ibis		C	0	C	U
	☐ Roseate Spoonbill		U	0	U	O
	SWANS, DUCKS & GEESE		SP	SU	F	W
	☐ Black-bellied Whistling Duck		C	A	U	О
	☐ Wood Duck		-	-	R	R
	☐ Blue-winged Teal		U	U	C	C
	AMERICAN VULTURES		SP	SU	F	W
	☐ Turkey Vulture		C	C	C	C
	KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS		SP	SU	F	W
	☐ Swallow-tailed Kite		R	-	R	-
	☐ White-tailed Kite		U	U	\mathbf{U}	U
	□ Northern Harrier		C	R	C	C
	□ Cooper's Hawk		\mathbf{U}	-	\mathbf{U}	\mathbf{U}
	□ Harris's Hawk		C	C	C	C
	\square Red-shouldered Hawk		O	-	O	O
	☐ Swainson's Hawk		O	-	O	R
	☐ White-tailed Hawk		C	C	C	C
	☐ Red-tailed Hawk		\mathbf{U}	-	U	U
	☐ Ferruginous Hawk		R	-	R	R

□ American Kestrel	CARACARAS & FALCONS	SP	SU	F	\mathbf{W}
Peregrine Falcon	☐ American Kestrel	С		A	A
Peregrine Falcon	☐ Aplomado Falcon	R	R	R	R
Plain Chachalaca	□ Peregrine Falcon	_	-	-	R
TURKEYS, QUAILS & PHEASANTS	CHACHALACA	SP	SU	F	W
Northern Bobwhite	☐ Plain Chachalaca	C	C	U	U
PLOVERS	TURKEYS, QUAILS & PHEASANTS	SP	SU	F	W
Killdeer	□ Northern Bobwhite	С	С	С	C
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Baird's Sandpiper	□ Willet	A	A	A	A
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	□ Northern Flicker	-	-	o	0

FLYCATCHERS	SP	SU	F	W
☐ Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	-	C	-
□ Eastern Phoebe	C	U	C	\mathbf{C}
□ Vermilion Flycatcher	U	-	U	O
☐ Brown-crested Flycatcher	C	C	-	-
☐ Great Kiskadee	U	C	U	U
□ Couch's Kingbird	U	U	U	\mathbf{U}
□ Eastern Kingbird	C	-	C	-
☐ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	A	U	C	R
LARKS	SP	SU	F	W
☐ Horned Lark	C	C	C	C
SWALLOWS	SP	SU	F	W
☐ Tree Swallow	C	-	C	R
□ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	A	-	C	-
□ Bank Swallow	C	O	C	-
☐ Barn Swallow	C	0	C	-
JAYS, CROWS, & RAVENS	SP	SU	F	W
☐ Green Jay	U	U	U	\mathbf{U}
☐ Tamaulipas Crow	R	-	R	R
☐ Chichuahuan Raven	U	U	O	O
VERDINS	SP	SU	F	W
□ Verdin	U	U	U	U
WRENS	SP	SU	F	W
□ Cactus Wren	U	U	U	U
□ Bewick's Wren	U	U	U	\mathbf{U}
☐ House Wren	R	-	C	C
KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS	SP	SU	F	W
□ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	-	C	C
☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	0	C	C
THRUSHES	SP	SU	F	W
□ American Robin	U	-	U	C
MIMICS & THRASHERS	SP	SU	F	W
☐ Gray Catbird	C	-	C	-
□ Northern Mockingbird	A	A	A	A
☐ Sage Thrasher	O	-	O	O
☐ Long-billed Thrasher	U	U	U	U
☐ Curve-billed Thrasher	C	C	C	C
SHRIKES	SP	SU	F	W
☐ Loggerhead Shrike	U	-	U	U
STARLINGS	SP	SU	F	W
☐ European Starling	-	-	R	R
VIREOS	SP	SU	F	W
	U	U	U	U

WOOD WARBLERS	SP	SU	F	W
☐ Tennessee Warbler	C	-	U	-
☐ Orange-crowned Warbler	C	-	\mathbf{C}	C
□ Yellow Warbler	U	-	\mathbf{C}	-
□ Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	-	U	-
□ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	-	\mathbf{C}	C
□ Black-and-white Warbler	C	R	\mathbf{C}	U
□ Common Yellowthroat	C	U	\mathbf{C}	U
☐ Yellow-breasted Chat	U	-	O	-
CARDINALS & GROSBEAKS	SP	SU	F	W
□ Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
□ Pyrrhuloxia	U	0	U	U
☐ Blue Grosbeak	C	O	\mathbf{U}	-
□ blue Grospeak				_
☐ Indigo Bunting	C	-	U	0
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SPARROWS	SP	SU	F	W
□ Olive Sparrow	C	C	C	C
□ Cassin's Sparrow	C	C	\mathbf{C}	O
□ Botteri's Sparrow	C	C	U	-
□ Vesper Sparrow	U	-	\mathbf{U}	U
□ Lark Sparrow	C	U	\mathbf{C}	C
□ Savannah Sparrow	A	-	A	A
☐ Grasshopper Sparrow	U	-	O	O
☐ Song Sparrow	O	-	O	O
□ Lincoln's Sparrow	U	-	C	C
BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES	SP	SU	F	W
☐ Red-winged Blackbird	A	A	A	A
□ Eastern Meadowlark	A	A	A	A
□ Brewer's Blackbird	C	-	\mathbf{C}	C
☐ Great-tailed Grackle	A	A	A	A
□ Bronzed Cowbird	C	A	U	O
□ Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	\mathbf{C}	C
□ Orchard Oriole	C	0	O	-
☐ Hooded Oriole	R	R	-	R
□ Altamira Oriole	R	-	-	R
FINCHES	SP	SU	F	W
☐ House Finch	C	C	C	C
OLD WORLD SPARROWS	SP	SU	F	W
☐ House Sparrow	C	C	C	C